

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 2758.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2758) granting a pension to Hiram H. Palmer, having had the same under consideration, report as follows:

It is shown by the records of the War Department that Hiram H. Palmer was enrolled and mustered into service December 11, 1863, at Baraboo, Wis., as a private in Company A, Sixth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, and was mustered out of service on a detachment muster-out roll June 14, 1865, at Washington, D. C. He was wounded at Five Forks, Virginia, March 31, 1865. The muster roll shows that he was present with his company from December 31, 1863, to February 28, 1865. During March and April of 1865 he was absent from his company's roll, the records of the War Department showing "absent, wounded, March 31, 1865." Further records of the Department indicate that the said Hiram H. Palmer was sick in the general hospital June 25, 1864. The company reports of July 3, 1864, show said Hiram H. Palmer "returned to his company for duty."

The evidence of comrades in arms shows that the said Hiram H. Palmer not only suffered from the gunshot wound of right thigh, making the limb utterly useless, received at Five Forks, Virginia, on the date above named, but that he was suffering from chronic diarrhea. And the widow of the late Dr. Charles Cowles, of Baraboo, Wis., testifies to the fact that her husband treated the said Hiram H. Palmer at intervals "since his discharge from the Army to the spring of 1880, when said Hiram H. Palmer removed to Nebraska," and that to the best of her knowledge and belief he was treated for piles and fistula. The claimant is entirely incapable of performing manual labor. For upward of twenty years he has been a charge upon his relatives, the pension of \$6 per month being wholly inadequate for his support and that medical care which his unfortunate condition demands.

In view of these facts, and that the said claimant, Hiram H. Palmer, acquitted himself honorably upon the field and during his whole military career, we recommend that the bill do pass.